

S. RES. 165

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join a committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. this evening, Tuesday, January 27, 1998.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS MADE DURING THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LOTT. I now send to the desk a list of appointments that were made during the sine die adjournment of the Senate and ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

To the Congressional Award Board, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, Martis James Davis, of New York (Nov. 21, 1997).

To the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, pursuant to Public Law 105-33, the Senator from Texas (Mr. Gramm), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. Frist), Illene Gordon, of Mississippi, and Deborah Steelman, of Virginia (Nov. 25, 1997).

To the Panel to Review Long-Range Air Power, pursuant to Public Law 105-56, J. James Exon, of Nebraska (Dec. 12, 1997).

To the National Council of the Arts, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, Richard J. Durbin, of Illinois (Dec. 31, 1997).

To the Social Security Advisory Board, pursuant to Public Law 103-296, in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, Sylvester J. Schieber, of Maryland (Jan. 19, 1998).

To the Congressional Award Board, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, Clinton Bristow, Jr., of Mississippi (Jan. 20, 1998).

To the Census Monitoring Board, pursuant to Public Law 105-119, Joe D. Whitley, of Georgia, and Max W. Williams, of Mississippi (Jan. 20, 1998).

To the Congressional Award Board, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, Felix Sanchez, of Washington, D.C. (Jan. 26, 1998).

WELCOME, COLLEAGUES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, first and foremost, I welcome our colleagues back to the Senate from what I hope has been a restful and a beneficial period of time. I think it has been very good for the Senators to be able to spend some time with their families, be able to perhaps read a book, to work with their constituencies, and in many cases look into very important foreign policy and international issues. I know this has been a very good time for our colleagues to do some things that were

long overdue, and I hope they enjoyed and benefited from it.

SECOND SESSION OF THE 105TH CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I also hope that all Members are ready for what I hope will be a very productive second session of the 105th Congress. I have spent some time with the distinguished Democratic leader. We have talked in general about bills we want to try to consider before the Easter recess in April, and of course we have gone over the schedule just for this week. We have a number of very important legislative items that we need to consider before the Easter recess, including, I hope, even a budget resolution. I think it is important this year that we not go after April the 15th to take up a budget resolution. I will be talking further to the chairman of the Budget Committee and the ranking member and the leadership to make sure that we are all in agreement in that effort.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the list of potential floor items and a calendar for the first week of the session be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LIST OF POTENTIAL ITEMS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THE SENATE PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EASTER RECESS

Auto choice bill.
Budget resolution.
Campaign Fin. Reform.
Caribbean Basin Initiative.
China/Religious Persecution.
Cloning Bill.
Coverdell Education Savings accounts.
IMF.
Iran Proliferation Sanctions Act.
ISTEA.
Medicare Private Practice.
Mexico De-certification.
NATO enlargement.
Powder Cocaine Penalties Act.
Property Rights.
PUHCA reform.
Ronald Reagan national airport bill.
Securities Reform.
Supplemental Appropriations.

SENATE SCHEDULE—JANUARY 28-30

Wednesday, Jan. 28:
Special Orders; Policy Lunches; Vote on Judicial Nominations: Aiken, Silverman, and Story.
Thursday Jan. 29:
Ronald Reagan National Airport bill.
Friday, Jan. 30:
Senate not in session.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, no legislative or executive business will be transacted during today's session. Therefore, no votes will occur during the session of the Senate today. We will recess mid to late afternoon to reconvene at 8:30 p.m. this evening in the Chamber. All Members are asked to be in the Chamber at approximately 8:30 in order that we can go over as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear the President's State of the Union

Address beginning at 9 p.m. this evening.

During tomorrow's session we will consider three judicial nominations, those being Barry Silverman to be a circuit judge for the ninth circuit, Richard Story, to be a district judge for the northern district of Georgia, and Ann Aiken, to be a district judge in Oregon. We hope to enter into a time agreement of approximately 2 hours, with rollcall votes expected on each nomination. Therefore, there could be three votes tomorrow, Wednesday. In fact, I think the Members should expect that there will be three votes.

Then on Thursday of this week we hope to consider the Ronald Reagan airport bill which is presently in the Commerce Committee. Amendments could be offered. Therefore, votes can be expected to occur on that item on Thursday of this week.

The Senate will not be in session on Friday. Following the Senate's consideration of the Ronald Reagan bill, the Senate would proceed over until Monday, February 2nd. The schedule for Monday will be announced later in the week. However, no votes will occur during the session on Monday. We do expect votes, of course, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week.

We will be talking to committee chairmen, sponsors of bills and with the Democratic leadership to decide exactly what bills could come up. We are considering possibly the PUHCA legislation, the Public Utilities Holding Company Act modifications. We are still considering a cloning bill that I believe could be considered. We have several others that we are considering, as well.

Next week we expect to take up the FEC, the Federal Election Commission nominees, the nomination of Mr. Satcher to be the Surgeon General, and possibly two more Federal judges that are now going through the process of being cleared.

I do want to say, again, Mr. President, I appreciate the year we had last year. I thought we had a good year. I thought we accomplished a great deal for the American people, most of the time with very little rancor. I want us to continue to be able to work together for the interests of the people and do it in a way where Members are not exhausted and they can do their work during the daylight instead of always at night.

I want to thank those of you that work for the Senate here in the Chamber. You do outstanding work and we quite often don't thank you sufficiently for the way you help us keep things running smoothly doing the people's business here in the Senate.

I do look forward to a very active year even though we may have around 100 legislative days—because of the necessity of adjourning early in October for the election. There are several things we need to do and we will do for the best interests of the American people. I look forward to working with the